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SUBJ: KUWAITI PROPOSAL FOR ARAB LEAGUE SUMMIT:

GOK "JAWBONING"

1. NEARLY ALL KUWAITI PAPERS AUGUST 18 HEADLINE DELIVERY OF KUWAIT
DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO ARAB LEAGUE ACTING SEC GEN IN CAIRO
AUGUST 17 CALLING FOR ARAB FONMIN CONFERENCE FOLLOWED BY
SUMMIT " TO PUT AN END TO DESTRUCTIVE FIGHTING IN LEBANON."

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2. KUWAIT'S DEFMIN ALSO REPORTEDLY SPOKE OUT FOR SECOND

DAY RUNNING ON NEED TO CALM EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN DISPUTE.
AL SIYASAH REPORTS HIM EXPRESSING HOPE THAT EGYPTIAN FORCES
ON LIBYAN BORDERS ARE "NO MORE THAN SUMMER CLOUD" WHICH WILL
SOON DISSIPATE, AND THAT "BROTHERS" SADAT AND QADHAFI
WILL RECONCILE DIFFERENCES. MEANWHILE, KUWITI FOREIGN
MINISTRY SOURCES REPORTEDLY (AL RAI AL AM, AUGUST 18) HAVE
RECEIVED REPORTS FROM FONMIN SABAH AL AHMAD (AT COLOMBO
NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE) WHICH INDICATE "REMARKABLE RESPONSE"
AMONG ARAB LEADERS IN SUPPORT OF KUWAITI PROPOSAL FOR ARAB
SUMMIT. THESE SOURCES REPORTEDLY BELIEVE THAT EGYPT IS
AGREEABLE TO SUMMIT BUT THAT SYRIA MAY BE HESITANT, NOTING
THAT SYRIAN FONMIN HAD EARLIER EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT
SUMMIT MIGHT CREATE PRESSURE ON SYRIA TO WITHDRAW FROM
LEBANON.

3. IF THESE AND OTHER PRESS REPORTS ARE ACCURATE, THE
PLO AND FOLLOWING GOVERNMENTS WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE SUPPORTED
PUBLICLY KUWAIT'S INITIATIVE: EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA, UAE, QATAR,
SUDAN AND NORTH YEMEN.

4. COMMENT: DESPITE OFFICIAL SEAL FOR SUMMIT, AT LEAST ONE MFA
OFFICIAL SEES LITTLE PROSPECT FOR ITS BEING HELD, OR IF HELD, FOR
ITS SUCCESS. HE REMARKED TO AMBASSADOR THAT THERE ARE CLEARLY TOO
MANY SHARP, BILATERAL CONFLICTS AMONG ARAB LEAGUE MEMBER STATES
AT THIS TIME FOR SUMMIT TO SUCCEED.
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